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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, lines 3-20, as follows:

To achieve the above objects, the manufacturing method of a piston according to the present invention comprises: a step of forming the first piston member having a bridge and the first coupling part extending from the bridge; a step of forming the second piston member having the second coupling part coupled with the first coupling part and the hollow part formed by coupling the first piston member and the second piston member with each other; a step of rotatably supporting the first and second piston members to the first and second supporting parts after coupling the first and second piston members temporarily; a step of friction stir welding using friction heat generated by friction contact while the first support part is rotated at predetermined speed after a welder ~~welding means~~ is rotatably advanced downwardly and inserted to a welding portion of the first and second piston members; a step of moving the welder ~~from welding means inserted to the welded portions portion to a the~~ predetermined position while maintaining contact between the welder and the first piston member after finishing the friction stir welding of the welding portion and; a step of separating the welder ~~welding means~~ from the first piston member at said position. ~~welded portion.~~